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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the summer holidays approach, I would like to share how we can work together, both within school and at home, to help your child get ready for their GCSE Maths exams next year. Supporting your child to achieve their best in maths is incredibly important, as it will create many more options for their next steps, like going to sixth form, college, or starting an apprenticeship.

Tiering of maths exams (higher or foundation) is a really important decision that we make in order to ensure the best outcomes for your children. As a result of assessments that have taken place across the year, as well as results from the end of year exam and teacher feedback we have decided to increase the number of students who will sit the higher tier paper next year. This is a key decision and has not been made without a lot of thought put into place about which tier is right for each of our students. I include a list of teachers, classes and which tier paper their classes will complete to enable you to understand the level of maths your child will be continuing to study over the next 11 months and to make sure we have the right level of support in place.

- 11xMa1 – Mrs Timms - Higher
- 11xMa2 – Mr Roe - Higher
- 11xMa3 – Mr Smith – Foundation
- 11xMa4 – Mr Purrington - Foundation

- 11yMa1- Mrs Gallagher - Higher
- 11yMa2 - Mr Roe - Higher
- 11yMa3 and Mr Farrar - Foundation

To support your child in preparing for their exams please see the list of useful websites below:

- OGAT Maths revision website
- Corbett Maths exam countdown daily videos
- Maths Genie

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We are also providing all students with a detailed analysis of their recent mock performance and this would make an excellent starting point for them to work on over the summer. Please ask to see this from them on Monday 21st July.

It would also be really beneficial to your child if you were able to purchase a scientific calculator for them that they could use at home. Our Y11 homework next year will be paper-based so your support with completion of this will also be invaluable. We recommend the Casio fx-85GT scientific calculator, costing around £10 in most supermarkets.

There will be additional opportunities for your child to have support with some students being given extra time during form to work through some key topics, or during their PE lesson. Both of these are on short-term rotations and will rotate students regularly throughout the year to ensure that all students who may need additional support to reach their potential are afforded this. We will also have after school maths on Monday from 2.30 - 3.30, and we would encourage all students to attend.

Confirmation of your child's maths teacher for Y11 will be given out soon and I hope we can work together to provide your child the best start to the next step in their life.

If you have any questions or want any additional support with resources and revision please feel free to email me.

Yours faithfully,

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